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Sex with client alleged — state suspends chemical dependency professional *Pierce County provider ordered to stop practicing*

OLYMPIA — Charges of coercing a client to have sex led the state Department of Health to immediately suspend the credential of a Pierce County chemical dependency professional.

The credential of Clay V. Statewright (CP00006031) has been immediately suspended. He cannot practice or work as a chemical dependency professional in Washington pending the outcome of a hearing.

Charging documents filed in the case say Statewright initiated and maintained an ongoing sexual relationship with a client by threatening to provide negative reports to the court. The client risked being jailed if she didn't cooperate. He also allegedly falsified treatment records, and gave alcohol to his client in order to have sex with her.

The client has obtained a sexual assault protection order from Pierce County Superior Court, which prohibits contact between the respondent and the client.

Consumers who believe a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call the Department of Health at 360-236-4700 to report their complaint. A [complaint form and directions on how to submit it are online](#) (<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Complaint.htm>).

The Department of Health protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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